

Lakers appoint football coach

West Bloomfield High School has a new head football coach.

The appointment of Dominic Livedoti, 31, currently the assistant varsity football coach at Ypsilanti High School, was approved by the school board at its June 3 meeting.

A former athletic director at a Ypsilanti junior high school, Livedoti has 10 years of teaching and coaching experience. He has held assistant and head coaching positions in football, baseball and basketball at the junior high and high school levels. He earned a masters degree in physical education from Eastern Michigan University, in 1970.

Former West Bloomfield High School head football coach Tom Fagan recently took on the head football post at Ann Arbor Huron High School.

LIVEDOTI, WHO will teach science and physical education at West Bloomfield starting this fall, said he plans to get as many students as possible involved in football.

His football philosophy calls for the eventual establishment of the "two platoon" system involving 11 starters for offense and 11 for defense. "This way we'll eventually have 22 starters rather than just 13 or 14," said Livedoti, who has been assistant varsity coach at Ypsilanti for the past seven years.

"Besides getting more kids involved in active playing, this system will also allow them to specialize more in either offense or defense."

The Houston weaver offense has been his favorite right along, the native Detroit said, and his defense is also "predicated on what is being done in football today."

LIVEDOTI SAID he will continue striving for more citizen participation in the high school's football and athletic program through the Laker Fan Club begun by Coach Fagan this past fall.

Recognition for player excellence and effort will be increased next year by the continuation of the "Secret Admirers Club" and the establishment of other special groups such as the 110 Percent, Decatur, Century and Iron Man clubs, he said.

The Century Club will boast a gridiron membership of those who have gained 100 or more yards during a game, the Decatur Club will contain players who have made 10 or more tackles in a contest, and the 110 Percent Club will be for those who put out 110 percent effort during each game or practice session.

The Iron Man Club will probably be the most important, Livedoti said, since it will consist of students who play in every game or make every practice session and "work their

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hearts out" whether or not they become top scorers, tacklers or blockers.

"YOU'VE GOT to recognize even the kid who doesn't get to play very often," he commented.

Livedoti believes the role of a teacher and coach is a difficult one because of the responsibility of guiding youth that goes along with both jobs. His years at St. Clair Shores Lakeview High School as a 1950s "greaser and Hood" proves this point, he said.

Don Tallman, then Lakeview head football coach, presented Livedoti with the chance of making it in football. (Tallman is now an administrative assistant at Northwood Institute in Midland.)

"Don really made me face the decision I had to make, either remain as a hood or become a good football player," Livedoti said. "I had to make a choice of which way to go and he helped me make it."

AT LAKEVIEW, he participated in football, baseball and basketball. During his senior year he was captain of the varsity football and baseball teams and was voted 136w6811most valuable player in both sports.

The high school fullback, shortstop and guard went on an athletic scholar-

ship to Olivet College near Battle Creek where he made the all-state football team in his senior year. His spot was split and linebacker. At Olivet he made the all-league baseball team of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association during three out of his four years there.

After earning a bachelor's degree in psychology and physical education from Olivet in 1965, Livedoti held head coaching posts in varsity football and baseball and junior varsity basketball at Hanover High School in Horton, Mich., until 1967.

FROM 1967-73, at West Junior High School in Ypsilanti, he was ninth grade wrestling basketball and track coach and was the school's athletic director for two years. He also became the assistant varsity football coach at Ypsilanti High the year he began teaching and coaching at the junior high school.

His current hobby, he said, "is to find time to spend with my family."

Elizabeth, his wife, and two children presently live in Ypsilanti but the Livedotis plan to move soon to West Bloomfield.

"It's great to live and work in a community where people really rally around the teams," he said.



Dom Livedoti, West Bloomfield High's new head varsity football coach (Photographed by Art Emanuel)



Pooling sites

The Birmingham YMCA, in cooperation with the Birmingham Exchange Club, has slated Learn To Swim Week for June 24-28. Sessions during the week will cater to water enthusiasts from pre-school age up through adults. Registration for the week will run Wednesday through Saturday at the Birmingham Y, 400 E. Lincoln. Pictured are week coordinators Mary Donohoe, Birmingham Y aquatic director, plus Bob Hawkins and Dick Whitney, president and vice-president of the Birmingham Exchange Club, respectively. For further information about the week, call the Birmingham Y at 644-9036. (Photographed by Art Emanuel).

The sporting life

Carrico award to Brielmaier

Bloomfield Hills' Mike Brielmaier has been presented the Dale Carrico Memorial Award for 1974 at Birmingham Brother Rice High School.

The award annually goes to the Brother Rice student who best displays scholastic aptitude and athletic ability.

Scholastically at Brother Rice, Brielmaier belonged to the National Honor Society.

Athletically there, the graduating senior lettered in basketball, football and baseball.

Next autumn, he plans to attend the University of Michigan.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS' Andy Gordon lettered in varsity rugby this spring at Amherst College in Amherst, Mass.

Though rugby is a club sport at Amherst, it's recognized by the college's Department of Physical Education and Athletics.

This year's Rugby Club completed its first campaign ever, notching a 9-3 record.

At Amherst, Gordon also plays varsity baseball. A senior, he's a 1970

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook graduate. BLOOMFIELD HILLS' Mark Macaulay has been picked to the Midwest College Hockey Association Northern Division all-star team for 1974.

The junior netminder plays for the Hillsdale College Chargers in Hillsdale, Mich.

Earlier this spring, he received the Coaches' Trophy for his stellar showing during Hillsdale's regular season.

BIRMINGHAM'S WILLIAM P. McCaffrey scored his second hole-in-one ever on the links last week. He used a four iron to ace the 180-yard, fifth hole at Hidden Valley Golf Club in Gaylord, Mich.

McCaffrey finished his 18-hole round with a score of 82.

FRANKLIN'S Jim Stahl has won a varsity letter for tennis this spring at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn.

A sophomore on Wesleyan's racket team, he was graduated from Birmingham Groves.

A PAIR of local residents have attracted sports recognition for junior varsity baseball this spring at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. They're Birmingham's Paul Secrest and Bloomfield Hills' Mitch Moran. Both are freshmen at DePauw, a private school.

Groves netmen win matches

Birmingham Groves took a two-day road trip last week and returned with a couple of clutch Metro Suburban Association (MSA) varsity tennis triumphs.

On Wednesday, Coach Ted Stanley's hustling Falcons handily dispatched Coach Carol Riley's Royal Oak Dandero Oaks, 6-1.

On Tuesday, they nosed out Coach Carl Peterson's Bloomfield Hills Laker Knights, 4-3.

The week's results realigned Groves' overall record this spring to 7-5 and Laker's to 5-8.

Listed by records, the MSA dual-match race this spring stacked up this way: Rochester Adams (8-0), Groves and Southfield-Lathrup (tied 5-3), Laker (2-4) and Dandero (0-5).

Groves 6, Dandero 1

SINGLES
1. Brian Lane (G) defeated Brian Holt 6-1, 7-6.
2. Bob Hale (G) defeated Howard Schoenker 6-2, 6-4.
3. Mark Hall (G) defeated Dennis Kasperow 6-0, 6-2.
4. Gary Fournelle (G) defeated Brian Holt 6-0, 6-2.
DOUBLES
1. Steve Wilson, Neil Wright (G) defeated Bill Kevin Rye, 7-6, 6-3.
2. Ken Furman, Dan Seaman (G) defeated Brian Holt, 6-3, 6-4.
3. Keith Olson, Steve Chan (G) defeated Jeff Vahlsdorf, Laker 6-2, 6-4.

Groves 4, Laker 3

SINGLES
1. Brian Lane (G) defeated Al Arcosano 6-3, 6-1.
2. Ron Agard (G) defeated Dale Fourn 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.
3. Gary Lane (G) defeated Marc Laker 6-2, 6-4.
4. Pete Ross (G) defeated Neil Nesbitt 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.
DOUBLES
1. Steve Wilson, Bob Hale (G) defeated Don Laker, 7-6, 6-3.
2. Tom Schwab, Mark Stephens (G) defeated Ken Furman, Dan Seaman 14-12, 6-3.
3. Vanna Giles, Steve Chan (G) defeated Mark Franzosian, Bob Buechner 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.

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